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Boston, December 31, 1940.

HON. MAURICE J. TOBIN,  
*Mayor of Boston.*

DEAR SIR,— In accordance with section 15 of chapter 185, Acts of 1875, the Park Commission herewith submits its annual report for the year 1940.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM P. LONG,  
*Chairman.*

## Expenditures for Maintenance, January 1 to December 31, 1940.

## PARKS AND GARDENS.

Algonquin square . . . . .	\$5 00
Andrew Henry square . . . . .	15 00
Aquarium . . . . .	21,735 64
Arborway . . . . .	3,057 31
Arnold Arboretum . . . . .	2,063 95
Belmont square . . . . .	1,024 03
Berners square . . . . .	10 00
Blackstone square . . . . .	753 84
Boston Common Bandstand . . . . .	834 80
Boston Common, Deer Park . . . . .	912 71
Boston Common, Flagstaff Hill . . . . .	285 27
Boston Common grounds . . . . .	15,671 87
Boston Common, Park Street Station . . . . .	2,073 03
Boston Common, West Street Station . . . . .	1,518 46
Braddock park . . . . .	5 00
Brighton square . . . . .	10 16
Bromley park . . . . .	15 50
Camp Meigs . . . . .	104 50
Cedar square . . . . .	168 10
Central square . . . . .	920 56
Chandler pond . . . . .	1,049 16
Chestnut Hill park . . . . .	3,245 97
City Hall grounds . . . . .	20 00
City square . . . . .	200 25
Columbia road . . . . .	2,458 50
Columbus square . . . . .	329 08
Commonwealth avenue, extension . . . . .	4,174 14
Commonwealth avenue, main . . . . .	5,757 04
Concord square . . . . .	197 05
Copley square . . . . .	263 36
Cornelius T. Mahoney square . . . . .	10 00
Dorchester park . . . . .	2,297 03
Eaton square . . . . .	324 50
Elm Hill park . . . . .	5 00
Fens . . . . .	11,681 91
Florida street . . . . .	3 00
Fort Hill square . . . . .	995 52
Francis G. Kane square . . . . .	5 00
Franklin Park, Administration Building, shops, etc. . . . .	17,035 41
Franklin Park, carpenter shop . . . . .	13,210 49
Franklin Park, golf course . . . . .	10,026 68
Franklin Park, greenhouse . . . . .	29,941 58
Franklin Park, grounds . . . . .	13,350 62
Franklin Park, Overlook Buildings . . . . .	1,165 79
<i>Carried forward</i> . . . . .	<hr/> \$168,931 81

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$168,931 81
Franklin Park, paint shop	4,290 21
Franklin Park, Refectory Building	3,859 46
Franklin Park, rock garden	873 69
Franklin Park, rose garden	1,733 11
Franklin Park, Schoolmaster's Hill	854 76
Franklin Park, storehouse	11,634 57
Franklin Park, toboggan slides	1,934 96
Franklin square	613 30
Fred C. W. Olsen square	2 00
George Wright Golf Course	20,919 06
Gordon E. Denton square	2 00
Hayes square	90 00
Herbert J. Wolf square	117 00
Highland park	569 38
Horace C. Woodworth square	2 00
Horatio Harris park	643 02
Independence square	945 00
Irving W. Adams park	335 80
John E. Donovan park	374 25
Lincoln square	2 00
Longwood park	10 00
Madison park	1,200 52
Marine Park and Castle Island	7,157 04
Massachusetts avenue	346 30
Maverick square	734 66
Mount Bowdoin green	300 00
Oak square	15 00
Oakview terrace	204 35
Olmsted park	5,939 00
Orchard park	454 29
Park Drive Recreation	11,686 03
Peabody square	15 00
Prescott square	1,024 93
Public Garden	16,037 64
Putnam square	991 39
Richardson square	163 00
Riverway	7,796 26
Rutland square	99 00
Soldiers' Monument lot	15 00
Strandway	9,466 36
Sullivan square	242 00
Thomas park	935 00
Tremlett square	208 58
Turner square	76 50
Union park	337 00
Vincent Cutillo park	1,141 83
Walnut park	115 00

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*Carried forward* . . . . . \$285,439 06

<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$285,439 06
Waltham square . . . . .	186 00
Warren square . . . . .	46 54
Washington park . . . . .	1,047 27
Webster square . . . . .	102 00
Wellesley park . . . . .	195 38
West Roxbury Parkway . . . . .	289 00
William B. Corbett park . . . . .	156 50
Winthrop square . . . . .	45 00
Wolcott square . . . . .	15 00
Worcester square . . . . .	408 72
World War Memorial park . . . . .	6,183 87
Zoological Garden, animal range . . . . .	1,880 03
Zoological Garden, antelope house . . . . .	1,855 15
Zoological Garden, bear dens . . . . .	3,086 77
Zoological Garden, bird house . . . . .	6,631 86
Zoological Garden, camel house . . . . .	12 16
Zoological Garden, elephant house . . . . .	2,664 25
Zoological Garden, general . . . . .	29,320 99
Zoological Garden, lion house . . . . .	2,871 50
Zoological Garden, monkey house . . . . .	2,517 80
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	\$344,954 85

## PLAYGROUNDS.

Almont Street Playground . . . . .	\$2,274 89
American Legion Playground . . . . .	1,811 94
Billings Field Playground . . . . .	2,758 32
Brookside Avenue Playground . . . . .	2,369 87
Carl H. Ahlsen Playground . . . . .	1,376 44
Ceylon Street Playground . . . . .	918 72
Charlesbank Playground . . . . .	4,024 68
Charlestown Playground . . . . .	3,672 70
Charlestown Heights Playground . . . . .	2,966 51
Cherry Street Playground . . . . .	369 84
Christopher J. Gibson Playground . . . . .	3,165 43
Christopher J. Lee Playground . . . . .	2,939 19
Columbus Park Playground . . . . .	3,107 39
Fallon Field Playground . . . . .	2,538 75
Foster Street Playground . . . . .	50 75
Francis Parkman Playground . . . . .	1,170 05
Franklin Field Playground . . . . .	9,332 12
Frederick D. Emmons Playground . . . . .	1,679 14
George H. Walker Playground . . . . .	2,494 30
James L. Cronin Playground . . . . .	3,442 18
James F. Healy Playground . . . . .	2,464 47
Jefferson Playground . . . . .	4,127 93
John J. Connolly Playground . . . . .	2,596 34
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<i>Carried forward</i> . . . . .	\$61,651 95

<i>Brought forward</i>	\$61,651 95
John A. Doherty Playground	112 06
John F. Holland Playground	1,356 12
John W. Murphy Playground	2,936 28
John H. L. Noyes Playground	2,236 21
J. M. and J. J. Sullivan Playground	420 32
John Winthrop Playground	850 06
Joseph Lee Playground	945 43
L. Gertrude Howes Playground	538 93
Leo F. McCarthy Playground	411 60
Lester J. Rotch Playground	2,655 41
Mary Draper Playground	1,383 37
Mary E. Hemenway Playground	3,099 22
Martin M. Lomasney Playground	10 70
Matthew J. Sweeney Playground	92 50
McConnell Park Playground	3,704 85
McKinney Playground	2,172 11
Mission Hill Playground	1,688 94
North End Prada Playground	102 00
Paris Street Playground	10 71
Parker Hill Playground	1,286 58
Portsmouth Street Playground	1,647 83
Prince Street Playground	29 50
Readville Playground	706 28
Rev. Father Buckley Playground	7 67
Ripley Playground	156 00
Rogers Park Playground	2,534 60
Ronan Park Playground	2,529 79
Smith's Pond Playground	3,021 18
Stanley A. Ringer Playground	2,162 81
Thomas J. Roberts Playground	2,267 53
Tyler Street Playground	10 70
Webster Avenue Playground	1,498 35
West Third Street Playground	58 32
William Amerena Playground	1,325 35
William J. Barry Playground	2,906 88
William E. Carter Playground	1,879 20
William Eustis Playground	1,916 04
William E. Garvey Playground	2,359 33
William F. Smith Playground	2,366 80
Wood Avenue Playground	1,868 30
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	\$118,917 81
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## GYMNASIA.

Cabot Street Gymnasium	\$22,647 88
Columbia Road Gymnasium	6,168 00
Curtis Hall Gymnasium	12,404 27

<i>Carried forward</i>	\$41,220 15
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<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .	\$41,220 15
Hyde Park Gymnasium . . . . .	5,744 35
John J. Williams Gymnasium . . . . .	8,398 44
Lexington Street Gymnasium . . . . .	6,288 03
North Bennet Street Gymnasium . . . . .	22,648 29
Paris Street Gymnasium . . . . .	22,739 06
Roslindale Gymnasium . . . . .	7,164 84
Tyler Street Gymnasium . . . . .	4,271 55
Vine Street Gymnasium . . . . .	9,475 76
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	\$127,950 47
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## BATHS AND BEACHES.

Broadway Municipal Building . . . . .	\$9,611 12
Columbus Park Beach . . . . .	14,556 48
Dewey Beach . . . . .	5,042 79
Dover Street Bath House and Laundry . . . . .	46,721 21
Head House, Marine Park . . . . .	8,123 65
L Street Bath House and Beach . . . . .	30,854 20
North End Park Beach and Bath . . . . .	8,613 93
Savin Hill Beach . . . . .	620 40
Tenean Beach . . . . .	4,137 79
World War Memorial Park Beach . . . . .	5,228 39
Repair Room, Sewing Room and Stock Room, . . . . .	8,664 78
Repair Yard, East Boston . . . . .	2,632 71
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	\$144,807 45
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Boston Airport, East Boston . . . . .	\$39,931 97
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## GENERAL EXPENSE.

Central Office — Administration . . . . .	\$55,812 04
Stables . . . . .	7,050 49
Street trees . . . . .	2,445 36
Suppression of moths . . . . .	10,392 67
Miscellaneous . . . . .	2,299 11
Pensions and annuities . . . . .	6,932 12
Automobiles, tractors, wagons, etc. . . . .	69,296 27
Emergency Relief projects . . . . .	387,385 22
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	\$541,613 28
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## RECAPITULATION.

Parks and gardens . . . . .	\$344,954 85
Playgrounds . . . . .	118,917 81
Gymnasia . . . . .	127,950 47
Baths and beaches . . . . .	144,807 45
Boston Airport, East Boston . . . . .	39,931 97
General expense . . . . .	541,613 28
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	\$1,318,175 83
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**Expenditures of Loan, Revenue and Special Appropriations,  
January 1, 1940, to December 31, 1940.**

**RECREATION.**

Common and Parks in existence on January 12, 1887, Main-	
tenance and Improvement of . . . . .	\$214,757 87
Airport, Improvements . . . . .	25,230 33
Park and Playground, Improvements, etc. . . . .	2,759 83
Special Welfare Fund, Children's Outing . . . . .	750 00
Transportation of children . . . . .	3,456 20
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Total . . . . .	<u>\$246,954 23</u>

**CASH RECEIPTS.**

**For Twelve Months Ending December 31, 1940.**

**PARK DIVISION.**

Golf permits, Franklin Park course . . . . .	\$11,766 00	
Golf permits, George Wright course . . . . .	14,145 50	
Bowling Green, Franklin Field . . . . .	450 00	
Permits for openings, signs, etc. . . . .	342 00	
Use of equipment, labor, etc. . . . .	285 00	
Commission on receipts from public telephones in Park Department buildings . . . . .	579 69	
Settlement of claims . . . . .	18 33	
Refreshment permit . . . . .	50 00	
Landing field permits . . . . .	150 00	
Towels, soap, etc., in playground houses . . . . .	1,346 64	
Percentage of receipts of vending machines, Airport . . . . .	251 62	
Moth suppression . . . . .	2,184 00	
Rentals from concessions on parks and beaches, Rentals, Boston Airport . . . . .	17,234 50	
Mary P. C. Cummings Estate, income . . . . .	32,493 55	
Boston Common Tree Fund, income . . . . .	5,839 96	
Refund on expense account . . . . .	140 58	
	59 21	
	<hr/>	\$87,336 58

**BATHS.**

Towels, soap, etc., in bath houses . . . . .	\$29,870 10	
Commission on receipts from public telephones in bath houses . . . . .	60 65	
Sale of old equipment . . . . .	300 00	
	<hr/>	30,230 75
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Total . . . . .		<u>\$117,567 33</u>

Above receipts were credited as follows:

General revenue . . . . .	\$79,034 03
Sinking Fund . . . . .	32,493 55
Department appropriations . . . . .	6,039 75
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	<u>\$117,567 33</u>

## FRANKLIN PARK GOLF COURSE.

*Opening Date — May 2. Closing Date — November 28.*

Registered attendance, 21,156.

Estimated number of rounds played, 26,000.

Annual permits issued, 490 at \$15 each . . .	\$7,350 00
Daily permits issued, 3,835 at \$1 each . . .	3,835 00
Twilight permits issued, 1,146 at 50 cents each,	573 00
Lockers, 1 at \$3 . . . . .	3 00
Professional's concession . . . . .	5 00
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	\$11,766 00
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## GEORGE WRIGHT GOLF COURSE, HYDE PARK.

*Opening Date — April 19. Closing Date — November 26.*

Registered attendance, 19,522.

Estimated number of rounds played, 21,626.

Season permits, 292 at \$35 . . . . .	\$10,220 00
Season permits, limited, 5 at \$32 . . . . .	160 00
Season permits, limited, 4 at \$28 . . . . .	112 00
Season permits, limited, 3 at \$25 . . . . .	75 00
Saturday-Sunday permits, 905 at \$2 . . . . .	1,810 00
Week day permits, 139 at \$1.50 . . . . .	208 50
Week day permits, 1,532 at \$1 . . . . .	1,532 00
Extra locker, 1 at \$3 . . . . .	3 00
Club house dance permits, 1 at \$10; 1 at \$15 .	25 00
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	\$14,145 50
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## Skating Attendance for Season, 1940.

Name of Playground.	Attendance.
Almont Street Playground . . . . .	9,000
Ahlsen Playground . . . . .	8,000
Amerena Playground . . . . .	14,600
American Legion Playground . . . . .	9,800
Barry Playground . . . . .	22,000
Billings Field Playground . . . . .	36,400
Brookside Avenue Playground . . . . .	4,200
Carter Playground . . . . .	30,725
Chandler Pond . . . . .	40,000
Charlestown Playground . . . . .	29,700
Columbus Park Playground . . . . .	52,800
Cronin Playground . . . . .	12,400
Doherty and Gibson Grounds . . . . .	28,900
Dorchester Park Playground . . . . .	18,400
Draper Playground . . . . .	5,350
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<i>Carried forward . . . . .</i>	322,275



Name of Playground.	Attendance.
<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .	322,275
Eustis Playground . . . . .	14,000
Fallon Field Playground . . . . .	42,800
Franklin Field Playground . . . . .	785,000
Garvey Playground . . . . .	265,000
George Wright Golf Course . . . . .	15,000
Hemenway Playground . . . . .	18,000
Jamaica Pond . . . . .	75,000
Jefferson Playground . . . . .	46,200
Lee, Joseph Playground (Back Bay) . . . . .	43,200
Lee, Christopher Playground (South Boston) . . . . .	26,700
Marine Park Playground . . . . .	30,000
Murphy Playground . . . . .	31,000
McConnell Park Playground . . . . .	64,500
McKinney Playground . . . . .	23,550
Noyes Playground . . . . .	21,600
Parkman Playground . . . . .	11,950
Public Garden . . . . .	130,000
Rogers Park Playground . . . . .	24,500
Roberts, Thomas J. Playground . . . . .	10,000
Rotch Playground . . . . .	16,000
Ringer Playground . . . . .	11,550
Smith's Pond . . . . .	44,300
Smith's Playground (Brighton) . . . . .	16,500
Walker Playground . . . . .	16,200
Wood Avenue Playground . . . . .	40,000
World War Memorial Park Playground . . . . .	49,680
Total . . . . .	<u>2,193,770</u>

## General Attendance for Season, 1940.

Name of Playground.	Attendance.
Ahlsen Playground . . . . .	89,000
Almont Street Playground . . . . .	61,300
Amerena Playground . . . . .	61,400
American Legion Playground . . . . .	78,400
Barry Playground . . . . .	145,000
Billings Field Playground . . . . .	165,500
Brookside Avenue Playground . . . . .	42,000
Ceylon Street Playground . . . . .	64,300
Charlesbank Playground . . . . .	133,700
Charlestown Playground and Heights . . . . .	270,450
Cherry Street Playground . . . . .	18,000
Chestnut Hill Playground . . . . .	228,800
Columbus Park Playground and Stadium . . . . .	420,000
Carter Playground . . . . .	245,000
Connolly Playground . . . . .	196,000
<i>Carried forward</i> . . . . .	<u>2,218,850</u>

Name of Playground.	Attendance.
<i>Brought forward</i> . . . . .	2,218,850
Cronin Playground . . . . .	88,600
Dorchester Park Playground . . . . .	143,700
Draper Playground . . . . .	67,400
Doherty and Gibson Playground . . . . .	300,000
Eustis Playground . . . . .	165,000
Emmons Playground . . . . .	25,000
Fallon Field Playground . . . . .	332,800
Franklin Field Playground . . . . .	785,000
Franklin Park Playstead . . . . .	408,000
Garvey Playground . . . . .	265,000
Healy Playground . . . . .	318,300
Hemenway Playground . . . . .	86,100
Holland Playground . . . . .	50,475
Jefferson Playground . . . . .	315,600
Lee, Christopher, Playground (South Boston) . . . . .	178,500
Lee, Joseph, Playground (Back Bay) . . . . .	288,000
Murphy Playground . . . . .	122,000
McConnell Park Playground . . . . .	198,700
McKinney Playground . . . . .	120,600
Mission Hill Playground . . . . .	141,700
Mead Street Playground . . . . .	28,000
North End Park Playground . . . . .	182,600
Noyes Playground . . . . .	121,600
Parker Hill Playground . . . . .	62,700
Parkman Playground . . . . .	52,400
Portsmouth Street Playground . . . . .	97,400
Prince Street Playground . . . . .	42,900
Readville Playground . . . . .	98,800
Ringer Playground . . . . .	104,000
Ripley Playground . . . . .	28,400
Roberts Playground . . . . .	205,100
Rogers Park Playground . . . . .	207,200
Ronan Park Playground . . . . .	245,000
Rotch Playground . . . . .	122,000
Smith, William E., Playground . . . . .	230,000
Smith's Pond Playground . . . . .	144,600
Snow Hill Street Playground . . . . .	67,400
Sullivan Square Playground . . . . .	20,000
Sweeney Playground . . . . .	26,400
Tyler Street Playground . . . . .	16,500
West Third Street Playground . . . . .	22,000
Walker Playground . . . . .	262,400
Wood Avenue Playground . . . . .	48,600
Winthrop, John, Playground . . . . .	54,000
World War Memorial Park . . . . .	222,400
Boston Common Playstead . . . . .	300,000
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	9,631,725
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## Gymnasias, Class and Individual Attendance, 1940.

	Indi- viduals.	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Mothers.	Total.
Bot Street.....	727	1,557	4,292	456	771	1,562	9,365
Columbia Road.....	1,850	1,556	3,820	1,124	1,536	203	10,089
Curtis Hall.....	265	871	5,051	1,136	2,695	837	10,855
Hyde Park.....		1,099	8,780	685	1,754	435	12,753
John J. Williams Building.....		2,419	4,539	1,169	851	250	9,228
Lexington Street.....	1,950	1,750	8,144	369	1,266	1,284	14,763
North Bennet Street.....		1,735	6,021	73	1,524		9,353
Paris Street.....	1,665	2,805	6,060	1,755	1,677	1,325	15,287
Roslindale.....	364	989	6,416	835	1,399	1,150	11,153
Tyler Street.....		435	875	48	126		1,484
Vine Street.....		2,770	12,042	2,150	2,756	1,075	20,793
Totals.....	6,821	17,986	66,040	9,800	16,355	8,121	125,123

## Shower Baths, Attendance, 1940.

	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Broadway Bath House.....	195,795	12,575	46,325	12,850	267,545
Cabot Street Bath House.....	39,250	11,405	6,931	3,800	61,386
Columbia Road Bath House.....	23,510	12,270	2,335	2,882	40,997
Curtis Hall Bath House.....	64,245	7,635	3,375	2,075	77,330
Dover Street Bath House.....	130,520	6,377	37,485	9,223	183,605
Hyde Park Bath House.....	45,557	9,225	3,695	2,275	60,752
J. J. Williams Building Bath House,	145,770	18,695	36,470	7,845	208,780
Lexington Street Bath House.....	44,540	38,638	15,975	16,387	115,540
North Bennet Street Bath House...	79,100	23,375	22,750	9,735	134,960
Paris Street Bath House.....	144,350	38,995	30,390	12,990	226,725
Roslindale Bath House.....	30,935	37,760	5,085	10,355	84,135
Tyler Street Bath House.....	48,825	19,900	8,450	4,450	81,625
Vine Street Bath House.....	77,155	40,769	33,410	3,497	186,131
Vine Street Bath House.....	269,781	119,861	35,086	50,162	474,890
Totals.....	1,339,333	397,480	287,762	179,826	2,204,401

## Beaches and Swimming Pools, Attendance, 1940.

	Men.	Boys.	Women.	Girls.	Total.
Cabot Street Pool. ....	5,738	3,003	1,933	969	11,643
Curtis Hall Pool. ....	2,436	9,753	2,405	4,386	18,980
Columbus Park Beach. ....	177,685	179,995	175,970	174,040	707,690
Dewey Beach. ....	36,590	86,200	42,750	99,700	265,240
Head House Beach. ....	58,000	66,550	59,250	72,450	256,250
North End Park Beach. ....	36,800	57,800	25,000	40,300	159,900
Tenean Beach. ....	45,515	62,565	39,475	49,435	196,990
World War Memorial Park Beach. ....	93,595	62,280	19,910	44,625	220,410
L Street Beach. ....	208,807	119,861	35,086	50,162	413,916
Totals. ....	665,166	648,007	401,779	536,067	2,251,019

PARK DEPARTMENT STATISTICS TO  
DECEMBER 31, 1940.

## PARK DEPARTMENT STATISTICS TO DECEMBER 31, 1940.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	COST TO DATE.			Area.	Length of Drive-ways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
MAIN PARK SYSTEM:									
Commonwealth avenue.....	1894-1905..	.....	\$573,656 09	\$573,656 09	112.7 acres	12.1 miles	11.9 miles		
Fens.....	1877-1879..	\$736,854 49	3,095,946 60	3,832,801 09	116.99 "	4.32 "	7.04 "	1.1 miles	22 acres
1 Avenue Louis Pasteur.....	1922.....	.....	.....	.....	3.19 "	0.27 mile	0.50 mile		
† Riverway.....	1883-1890..	457,457 53	788,896 78	1,246,354 31	40 "	1.4 miles	2.8 miles	1.2 "	8 "
‡ Olmsted Park.....	1890-1892..	1,081,947 60	818,579 62	1,900,527 22	180 "	2.7 "	5.8 "	1.6 "	77 "
Arboreway.....	1892.....	245,584 25	462,455 15	708,039 40	36 "	3.4 "	3.2 "	1.4 "	
Arnold Arboretum.....	1882-1895..	79,354 15	462,637 39	541,991 54	223 "	3.4 "	5.65 "	0.5 mile	0.6 acre
West Roxbury Parkway.....	1894.....	135,265 29	176,638 10	311,903 39	65.94 "	1 mile	2 "	0.94 "	
Joyce Kilmer Park.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.53 "				
Franklin Park and Zoological Garden.....	{1883-1884 1906-1912 }	1,551,896 63	4,012,351 19	5,564,247 82	527 "	7.91 miles	14.9 "	1.19 miles	7.4 acres
MARINE PARK SYSTEM:									
Columbia road.....	1899.....	447,528 63	557,757 18	1,005,285 81					
Dorchester Way.....	1892-1895..	63,735 54	93,804 34	157,539 88	31.20 "	5.3 "	6.1 "		
Strandway and Columbus Park.....	{1890-1892 1897-1901 }	772,515 12	2,764,202 36	3,536,717 48	265.30 "				
Marine Park and Aquarium..	1883.....	232,972 57	1,651,623 66	1,884,596 23	{ 52.5 " land 4.9 " flats 25.7 " land 78.3 " flats 9.78 " land 50.55 " flats	0.6 mile	1.39 "	.....	3.4 "
§ Castle Island.....	1890.....	.....	154,236 51	154,236 51		0.16 "	1.15 "		
* McCONNELL PARK.....	1899-1914..	50,759 33	230,776 12	281,535 45		0.20 "	0.29 mile		

	1909.....	31,925 55	11,592 45	43,518 00	8.26 "			
SAVIN HILL PARK.....	1919.....	50,000 00	19,513 59	69,513 59	0.78 acre			
* IRVING W. ADAMS PARK..	} 1882-1891..	132,800 00	462,527 60	595,327 60	{ 55.6 acres land } 155.4 " flats	0.3 "	2.1 miles	
1 WORLD WAR MEMORIAL PARK.....		373,916 99	374,832 65	748,749 64	22 "	.....	1.5 "	
CHARLESBANK.....	1883.....	30,000 00	.....	30,000 00	0.12 acre			
TRINITY TRIANGLE.....	1885.....	50,538 02	179,217 56	229,755 58	{ 6.1 acres land } 4.3 " flats	.....	0.4 mile	
CHARLESTOWN HEIGHTS, DEWEY BEACH.....	} 1891.....	172,923 31	54,931 93	227,855 24	{ 13.66 " land } 3.7 " flats	.....	0.6 "	
CHARLESTOWN PLAYGROUND,		64,165 37	32,091 18	96,256 55	31.47 "	.....		
DORCHESTER PARK.....	1891-1903..	157,341 22	194,228 38	351,569 60	77 "	0.65 "	1.09 miles	
FRANKLIN FIELD.....	1892-1910..	328,364 44	459,822 76	788,187 20	{ 3.7 " land } 3 " flats			
NORTH END BEACH.....	1893.....	160,350 00	40,338 95	200,688 95	0.48 acre			
* VINCENT CUTILLO PARK, NORTH END.....	1917.....	22,904 86	1,691 37	24,596 23	0.94 "			
WILLIAM B. CORBETT PARK, DORCHESTER CENTRE...	1917.....	90,858 19	55,641 05	146,499 24	0.6 "	.....	0.11 mile	
COPP'S HILL TERRACE.....	1893.....	210,239 06	34,866 92	245,105 98	55.4 acres	1.44 miles	0.10 "	
1 CHESINUT HILL PARK.....	{ 1898-1899 and 1902 }	108,004 78	16,995 22	125,000 00	0.55 acre			
CHERRY STREET PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END....		11,095 24	44,659 09	55,754 33	17.81 acres	.....	0.04 "	
ALMONT STREET PLAY- GROUND, NATAPAN.....	1924.....	\$7,851,298 16	\$17,826,511 79	\$25,677,809 95	2,293.45 acres	45.15 miles	68.66 miles	118.4 acres
Carried forward.....	.....							

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## Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1940. — Continued.

Parks,	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.		Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.					
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	.....	\$7,851,298 16	\$17,826,511 79	2,203.45 acres	45.15 miles	68.66 miles	7.93 miles	118.4 acres
PLAYGROUND, MISSION HILL,	1913-1915..	260,733 94	73,277 02	4.24 "	.....	0.21 mile		
* JOHN F. HOLLAND PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.....	1917.....	13,700 00	29,297 16	1.07 "				
RONAN PARK PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1912-1916..	101,957 78	105,315 92	11.65 "	.....	0.83 "		
* FREDERICK D. EMMONS PLAYGROUND, CHARLESTOWN.....	1912.....	80,946 47	8,746 53	1.07 "				
PRINCE STREET PLAYGROUND,	{ 1897-1899 }	180,474 70	8,304 61	0.4 acre				
TENEAN BEACH, DORCHESTER,	{ 1901-1902 }	102,140 00	84,847 03	20.01 acres	0.25 mile	0.35 "		
	{ 1914-1915 }							
	{ 1928-1933 }							
* WILLIAM F. SMITH PLAYGROUND, NORTH BRIGHTON,	1894.....	22,107 12	30,802 77	14 "				
* WILLIAM H. GARVEY PLAYGROUND, NEPONSET,	1896.....	24,804 39	114,602 23	16.68 "	.....	0.28 "		
BILLINGS FIELD, WEST ROXBURY.....	1896-1906..	47,068 98	69,147 77	10.83 "	.....	0.23 "		
* CHRISTOPHER J. LEE PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1897.....	.....	128,106 19	5.2 "	.....	0.4 "		
MARY HEMENWAY PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER...	1920.....	29,730 76	69,777 87	4.41 "				



	1930.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	234	.....	.....	.....	.....
* MARY P. C. CUMMINGS MEMORIAL PLAY- GROUND, WOBURN.....	1930.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
PAUL GORE STREET PLAY- GROUND.....	1913.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
* WILLIAM J. BARRY PLAY- GROUND, CHARLESTOWN..	1897-1923..	202,463 00	116,004 09	318,467 09	{	0.74 acre	{	4.95 acres land	0.09 "	.....
* J. M. & J. J. SULLIVAN PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.	1897.....	14,593 72	11,065 22	25,568 94	.....	0.85 "	.....	0.32 acre flats	.....	.....
CHRISTOPHER GIBSON PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER...	1897.....	37,709 58	60,042 75	97,752 33	.....	4.34 acres	.....	.....	0.11 "	.....
* WILLIAM E. CARTER PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	{1899-1900 } {1901-1902 }	327,503 84	62,305 62	389,809 46	.....	5.02 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
* JAMES L. CRONIN PLAY- GROUND, DORCHESTER...	1899.....	43,990 09	9,000 00	52,990 09	.....	2.24 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
* FALLON FIELD PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE...	{1899-1913 } {1917-1931 }	91,325 11	73,394 57	164,719 68	.....	7.57 "	.....	.....	0.36 "	.....
* JAMES F. HEALY PLAY- GROUND, ROSLINDALE...	1902.....	25,166 75	39,156 44	64,323 19	.....	9.63 "	.....	.....	0.14 "	.....
* LESTER J. ROTCH PLAY- GROUND, SOUTH END....	1903.....	256,440 63	27,302 32	283,742 95	.....	2.8 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
* JOHN J. CONNOLLY PLAY- GROUND, ROXBURY.....	1903-1905..	.....	100,295 40	100,295 40	.....	5.1 "	.....	.....	.....	.....
4 ROGERS PARK, BRIGHTON..	1899-1931..	45,998 30	49,103 88	95,102 18	.....	8.20 "	.....	.....	0.44 "	.....
CARROLL POND, WEST ROX- BURY.....	1921.....	.....	8,376 75	8,376 75	.....	0.47 acre	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Carried forward.....</i>	.....	\$9,760,063 32	\$19,104,783 93	\$28,864,847 25	.....	2,669.24 acres	.....	45.40 miles	72.10 miles	118.4 acres

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Park Department Statistics to December 31, 1940.—Continued.

PARKS.	Year of Acquisition.	Cost to Date.			Area.	Length of Driveways.	Length of Walks.	Length of Rides.	Area of Ponds and Rivers.
		Land.	Construction.	Totals.					
<i>Brought forward</i> .....	.....	\$9,760,063 32	\$19,104,783 93	\$28,864,847 25	2,669.24 acres	45.40 miles	72.10 miles	7.93 miles	118.4 acres
JOHN H. L. NOYES PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON..	(1909.....)	10,015 00	94,054 52	104,069 52	5.24 acres land } 3.07 " flats }				
WEST THIRD STREET PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.	1909.....	10,201 30	4,000 00	14,201 30	0.28 acre				
* MATTHEW J. SWEENEY PLAYGROUND, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1909.....	10,201 30	4,597 40	14,798 70	0.47 "				
WILLIAM EUSTIS PLAYGROUND.....	1909-1924..	116,220 06	79,971 46	196,191 52	7.6 acres				
JOHN WINTHROP PLAYGROUND.....	1911.....	20,994 26	38,236 99	59,231 25	1.57 "				
* GEORGE H. WALKER PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER...	1912-1914..	22,011 33	40,406 41	62,417 74	6.21 "	.....	.10 mile		
* STANLEY A. RINGER PARK, ALLSTON.....	1916-1931..	57,090 00	71,092 98	128,182 98	12.38 "	.....	.35 "		
* ARTHUR F. McLEAN PLAYGROUND, EAST BOSTON..	1917.....	20,754 17	15,489 97	36,244 14	0.43 acre				
PARIS STREET PLAYGROUND,	1912.....	50,630 64	13,083 38	63,714 02	1.27 acres				
TYLER STREET PLAYGROUND,	1912.....	26,239 19	12,203 86	38,443 05	0.26 acre				
* JOHN W. MURPHY PLAYGROUND, JAMAICA PLAIN,	1912-1919..	26,861 80	66,679 08	93,540 88	4.17 acres				
PORTSMOUTH STREET PLAYGROUND.....	1912.....	15,000 00	30,547 87	45,547 87	4.29 "				

TOWN MEETING PARK, DORCHESTER.....	1921.....	5,859 00	2,889 53	8,748 53	0.22 acre			
GYMNASIUM SITE, SOUTH BOSTON.....	1921.....	40,000 00	8,500 00	48,500 00	0.36 "			
5 FACTORY HILL PLAYGROUND.....	1912.....		8,837 89	8,837 89	5.2 acres			
6 RIPLEY PLAYGROUND.....	1913.....		13,465 75	13,465 75	0.86 acre			
7 SMITH'S POND PLAYGROUND, 1914-1931.....			74,326 47	74,326 47	12.91 acres			
CEYLON STREET PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER.....	1923.....	30,116 78	19,017 22	49,134 00	4.03 "			
8 CARL H. AHLSEN PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER...	1916.....				10.35 "			
9 JOHN A. DOHERTY PLAYGROUND, DORCHESTER...	1897.....		35,939 45	35,939 45	1.47 "			
AMERICAN LEGION PLAYGROUND, CONCORD STREET, EAST BOSTON.....	1924.....	63,300 00	26,768 33	90,068 33	3.38 "			
PLAYGROUND, READVILLE, BULLARD, MILTON AND REGENT STREETS, HYDE PARK.....	1924.....	13,417 34	18,782 66	32,200 00	5.03 "			
JEFFERSON PLAYGROUND, HEATH, FLOYD AND CRANFORD STREETS, ROXBURY.	1924.....	67,329 80	42,670 20	110,000 00	7.51 "			
FRANCIS PARKMAN PLAYGROUND, WACHUSETT STREET, FOREST HILLS	1924.....	12,000 00	16,706 32	28,706 32	2.06 "			
Carried forward.....		\$10,378,305 29	\$19,843,051 67	\$30,221,356 96	2,769 acres	45.40 miles	72.75 miles	7.93 miles 118.4 acres

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MARY DRAPER PLAYGROUND, WEST ROXBURY, 1932.....	23,853 80	20,856 07	44,709 87	5.76 "	.02 "	.18 "	
PARKER HILL PLAYGROUND, ROXBURY.....	1931.....	19,945 49	19,945 49	11.54 "			
WOOD AVENUE PLAYGROUND, NEAR WESTMINSTER STREET, HYDE PARK....	1936.....	10,000 00	10,000 00	13.03 "			
SNOW HILL STREET PLAYGROUND, NORTH END....	1937.....			1.13 "			
CHANDLER'S POND, BRIGHTON, 1937.....				13.4 "			13.0 "
EVERETT AND ELM STREETS, DORCHESTER.....	1939.....			1.16 "			
LEO F. MCCARTHY PLAYGROUND, MEAD AND LUDLOW STREETS, CHARLESTOWN.....	1938.....			.28 acre			
CHARTER STREET AND GREENOUGH LANE, CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND, NORTH END.....	1940.....			.23 "			
Totals.....	\$11,363,451 50	\$22,392,614 02	\$33,756,065 52	3,372.80 acres	46.07 miles	73.88 miles	131.4 acres

\* Named for soldier killed in World War.

† An additional area of 18 acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

‡ An additional area of 16½ acres is within the limits of the town of Brookline.

§ Custody given to the city by Acts of Congress.

|| 49 acres transferred from Water Department; an additional area of 160.65 acres, including water area of 122.7 acres, is under control of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Board.

1 World War Memorial.

2 Acquired by ordinance, chapter 7 of 1922.

3 Transferred from and \$454.15 expended by the Public Grounds Department.

4 25,470 square feet transferred from and \$2,000 expended by the Public Grounds Department.

5 Acquired by annexation of Hyde Park.

6 Acquired by gift.

7 Transferred from Metropolitan Park.

8 Transferred from Street Laying-Out Department.

9 Formerly part of Christopher Gilson Playground, set apart and named November 9, 1920.

10 256 acres leased from Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

11 7.92 acres transferred from School Committee by chapter 229, Acts of 1931.

12 Acquired by section 2, chapter 371, Acts of 1929, and chapter 91 of General Laws, indenture December 11, 1930, under provision of chapter 92, section 87, of General Laws; Act of City Council, approved May 25, 1933.

13 Transferred from Institutions Department by chapter 40, Acts of 1931.

## PARK DEPARTMENT — CEMETERY DIVISION.

The following annual report is presented for the Cemetery Division from January 1, 1940, to December 31, 1940.

## DEPARTMENT CEMETERIES.

The burying grounds, cemeteries and tombs which are owned by and in charge of the City of Boston are as follows, with a total area of about 7,040,708 square feet:

	Square Feet	Estab- lished
<i>Bennington Street</i> , East Boston . . . . .	157,500	1838
<i>Rainsford Island</i> . . . . .	43,560	
<i>Bunker Hill</i> , Charlestown . . . . .	48,202	1807
<i>Phipps Street</i> , Charlestown . . . . .	76,740	1630
<i>Copp's Hill</i> , Hull street, City . . . . .	89,015	1659
<i>King's Chapel</i> , Tremont street, City . . . . .	19,344	1630
<i>Granary</i> , Tremont street, City . . . . .	82,063	1660
<i>Central</i> , Common, City . . . . .	60,693	1756
<i>South End South</i> , Washington street, City . . . . .	64,670	1810
<i>Hawes</i> , Emerson street, South Boston . . . . .	11,232	1816
<i>Union</i> , East Fifth street, South Boston . . . . .	5,470	1841
<i>North</i> , Upham's Corner, Dorchester . . . . .	142,587	1633
<i>Eliot</i> , Eustis street, Roxbury . . . . .	34,830	1630
<i>South</i> , Dorchester avenue, Dorchester . . . . .	95,462	1814
<i>Westerly</i> , Centre street, West Roxbury . . . . .	39,450	1683
<i>Walter Street</i> , West Roxbury . . . . .	35,100	1711
<i>Evergreen</i> , Commonwealth avenue, Brighton, . . . . .	604,520	1848
<i>Market Street</i> , Brighton . . . . .	18,072	1764
<i>Mount Hope</i> , Walk Hill street, 125 acres and square feet . . . . .	14,330	1851
<i>Fairview</i> , Fairview avenue, Hyde Park, about 50 acres, . . . . .		1892

## CITY TOMBS.

Twenty-five in the South Ground; six in Phipps Street Ground, Charlestown; one tomb for infants in South Ground; one tomb for infants and one for adults in Copp's Hill Ground; one for adults and one for infants in the Granary Ground, one for infants in King's Chapel Ground; one for infants in the Central Ground; two receiving tombs in East Boston; one receiving tomb in Dorchester North; one receiving tomb in Dorchester South; one receiving tomb in Evergreen Cemetery, Brighton; one receiving tomb in Mount Hope Cemetery, and one receiving tomb in Fairview Cemetery, Hyde Park.

## Cemetery Division Receipts, January 1 to December 31, 1940.

CEMETERIES.	General Receipts.	Perpetual Care Receipts.	Interest on Perpetual Care.
Mount Hope.....	\$42,589 35	\$8,920 00	\$10,388 96
Fairview.....	11,632 35	2,855 00	2,803 63
Evergreen.....	8,630 00	4,880 00	3,332 01
Dorchester North.....	196 00		316 52
Bennington Street.....	78 50		
Dorchester South.....	70 80		20 19
Westerly.....	28 00		192 38
Central.....	15 00		100 00
Granary.....	15 00		100 00
Phipps Street.....	7 50		5 00
Bunker Hill.....			80
Copp's Hill.....			100 00
King's Chapel.....			100 00
	\$63,262 50	\$16,655 00	\$17,459 49
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Total, General Fund, December 31, 1939.....		\$1,952,771 95	
Interest, General Fund, 1940.....		76,865 05	
Revenue (General Receipts), 1940.....		63,262 50	
			\$2,092,899 50
Payments from Fund during 1940:			
To Cemetery Maintenance and Improvement...		\$60,000 00	
To Premiums on Investments purchased.....		21,742 79	
To Interest on Investments purchased.....		1,135 65	
			82,878 44
Total, Perpetual Care Fund, December 31, 1940.....			\$2,010,021 06
			652,784 14
Total Cemetery Fund.....			\$2,662,805 20



**Summary Statement of Cemetery Activities, January 1 to  
December 31, 1940.**

CEMETERIES.	Interments.	Lots Sold.	Graves Sold.	Lots in Perpetual Care.	Graves in Perpetual Care.	Lots in Annual Care.	Graves in Annual Care.	Foundations Built.	Preparing and Planting.	Various Orders.
Mount Hope.....	1,554	165	332	5,669	1,993	6	1	280	56	55
Fairview.....	298	9	136	800	738	.....	1	78	1	6
Evergreen.....	171	23	79	674	1,818	8	3	66	7	1
Dorchester North....	8	.....	.....	124	.....	3	.....	2	.....	1
Dorchester South....	5	.....	.....	32	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Bennington Street....	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....
Central.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Granary.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Westerly.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Bunker Hill.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Phipps Street.....	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....
Totals.....	2,041	197	547	7,302	4,549	17	5	431	64	63

**Cemetery Division Expenditures for Maintenance, Year Ending  
December 31, 1940.**

Office . . . . .	\$8,470 66
Mount Hope . . . . .	24,827 03
Fairview . . . . .	4,640 59
Evergreen . . . . .	3,184 90
Dorchester North . . . . .	844 77
Dorchester South . . . . .	409 40
Bennington Street . . . . .	3 14
South End South . . . . .	150 00
Granary . . . . .	307 00
King's Chapel . . . . .	318 13
Phipps Street . . . . .	149 96
Bunker Hill . . . . .	140 00
Central . . . . .	232 55
Copp's Hill . . . . .	289 96
Eliot . . . . .	159 96
Hawes . . . . .	15 25
Westerly . . . . .	11 00
Union . . . . .	15 25

\$44,169 55



Cemetery Division Maintenance and Improvement, Year Ending  
December 31, 1940.

Park . . . . .	\$12 67
Mount Hope . . . . .	37,902 05
Fairview . . . . .	7,819 50
Evergreen . . . . .	4,315 00
Dorchester North . . . . .	1,665 00
Dorchester South . . . . .	1,390 00
Bennington Street . . . . .	75 50
Bunker Hill . . . . .	685 00
Copp's Hill . . . . .	1,290 00
Eliot . . . . .	702 50
Granary . . . . .	1,431 50
King' Chapel . . . . .	1,262 00
Phipps Street . . . . .	696 50
South End South . . . . .	674 00
Westerly . . . . .	36 50
Hawes . . . . .	21 14
Union . . . . .	21 14
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	<u>\$60,000 00</u>









